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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims** (deleted text being struck through and added text being underlined):

1           1. (Currently Amended) An audio player comprising:  
2           an ear module formed to be entirely supported by an ear, the  
3 ear module comprising:  
4           a speaker;  
5           a memory for storing digitized audio; and  
6           a player coupled to the speaker, battery and memory that  
7 provides audio signals to the speaker based on the digitized  
8 audio.

1           2. (Currently Amended) The audio player of claim 1 wherein  
2 the ear module comprises a device selected from the group  
3 consisting of an in the canal device, a completely in the canal  
4 device, and an in the ear device, ~~and a behind the ear device.~~

1           3. (Original) The audio player of claim 1 wherein the ear  
2 module comprises an ear bud having an ear clip.

1           4. (Currently Amended) An audio player system comprising:  
2 an ear module formed to be entirely supported by an ear; and  
3 a hub supported by the ear module that provides audio signals  
4 to the ear module based on stored digitized audio signals.

1           5. (Original) The audio player of claim 4 wherein the ear  
2 module comprises a speaker, and wherein the hub comprises a  
3 controller that converts the stored digitized audio signals to signals  
4 useable by the speaker.

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1           6. (Original) The audio player of claim 4 wherein the stored  
2 digitized audio signals comprise signals in a format selected from  
3 the group consisting of MP3 (Moving Picture Experts Group Layer-3  
4 Audio), RA (RealAudio), WMA (Windows Media Audio), ASF  
5 (Active Streaming Format), AU (Audio file), AUD (Audio file), AIF  
6 (Auxiliary Information File), ASX (Active Streaming XML), ASF  
7 (Active Streaming Format (Microsoft)), MIDI (Musical Instrument  
8 Digital Interface), RMI (Real Music Interface), SND (Sound file)  
9 WAV (Windows Audio Volume) WAX (Windows Audio Executable),  
10 or WM (Windows Media) signals.

1           7. (Original) The audio player of claim 4, wherein the hub  
2 comprises connectors for supporting and communicating with  
3 peripheral devices.

1           8. (Original) The audio player of claim 7 and further  
2 comprising a peripheral device coupled to the hub.

1           9. (Currently Amended) An audio player system comprising:  
2 an ear module formed to be entirely supported by an ear;  
3 a hub supported by the ear module that provides audio signals  
4 to the ear module based on stored digitized audio signals;  
5 a peripheral device supported by the hub.

1           10. (Original) The audio player of claim 9 wherein the  
2 peripheral device is electrically coupled to the hub and is selected  
3 from the group consisting of a solar collector, battery, memory. RF  
4 receiver, RF transmitter, RF transceiver, data connector, memory  
5 carrier, ROM music release, display device, and control device.

1           11. (Original) The audio player of claim 9 wherein the hub  
2 comprises a player capable of playing signals in a format selected

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3 from the group consisting of MP3 (Moving Picture Experts Group  
4 Layer-3 Audio), RA (RealAudio), WMA (Windows Media Audio),  
5 ASF (Active Streaming Format), AU (Audio file), AUD (Audio file),  
6 AIF (Auxiliary Information Tile), ASX (Active Streaming XML),  
7 ASF (Active Streaming Format (Microsoft)), MIDI (Musical  
8 Instrument Digital Interface), RMI (Real Music Interface), SND  
9 (Sound file) WAV (Windows Audio Volume) WAX (Windows Audio  
10 Executable), or WM (Windows Media) signals.

1 12. (Original) The audio player of claim 9 wherein the  
2 peripheral device is formed to appear as jewelry.

1 13. (Original) The audio player of claim 12 wherein a musical  
2 band records music on peripheral devices formed to appear as a line  
3 of jewelry.

1 14. (Currently Amended) A peripheral device for an ear  
2 supported digitized audio player, the peripheral device comprising:  
3 a connector adapted to connect to the audio player in a  
4 suspended relationship from the audio player; and  
5 a memory coupled to the connector that stores digitized audio,  
6 the memory being suspended from the connector to suspend the  
7 memory from the audio player.

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1           15. (Original) The peripheral device of claim 14 wherein the  
2 digitized audio is stored in a format selected from the group  
3 consisting of MP3 (Moving Picture Experts Group Layer-3 Audio),  
4 RA (RealAudio), WMA (Windows Media Audio), ASF (Active  
5 Streaming Format), AU (Audio file), AUD (Audio file), AIF  
6 (Auxiliary Information File), ASX (Active Streaming XML), ASF  
7 (Active Streaming Format (Microsoft)), MIDI (Musical Instrument  
8 Digital Interface), RMI (Real Music Interface), SND (Sound file)  
9 WAV (Windows Audio Volume) WAX (Windows Audio Executable),  
10 or WM (Windows Media) signals.

1           16. (Currently Amended) A peripheral device for an ear  
2 supported digitized audio player, the peripheral device comprising:  
3           a connector adapted to connect to the audio player in a  
4 suspended relationship from the audio player;  
5           a memory coupled to the connector that stores digitized audio,  
6 the memory being suspended from the connector to suspend the  
7 memory from the audio player; and  
8           a decorative enclosure for the memory.

1           17. (Original) The peripheral device of claim 16 wherein the  
2 digitized audio is stored in a format selected from the group  
3 consisting of MP3 (Moving Picture Experts Group Layer-3 Audio),  
4 RA (RealAudio), WMA (Windows Media Audio), ASF (Active  
5 Streaming Format), AU (Audio file), AUD (Audio file), AIF  
6 (Auxiliary Information File), ASX (Active Streaming XML), ASF  
7 (Active Streaming Format (Microsoft)), MIDI (Musical Instrument  
8 Digital Interface), RMI (Real Music Interface), SND (Sound file)  
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1        18. (Original) A method of packaging music comprising:  
2        obtaining music in a digital format;  
3        storing such digital format signals on a memory device  
4        ~~adapted to be supported by an ear supported digitized audio player;~~  
5        ~~and~~  
6        encapsulating the memory device in a decorative enclosure;  
7        and  
8        suspending the memory device from a digitized audio player  
9        entirely supported by an ear of a user of the player.

1        19. (Original) The method of packaging music of claim 18  
2        wherein decorative enclosures for a selected recording group are  
3        similar.

20. (Cancelled)

1        21. (Original) The method of claim 18 wherein the digital  
2        format is selected from the group consisting of MP3 (Moving  
3        Picture Experts Group Layer-3 Audio), RA (RealAudio), WMA  
4        (Windows Media Audio), ASF (Active Streaming Format), AU  
5        (Audio file), AUD (Audio file), A1F (Auxiliary Information File),  
6        ASX (Active Streaming XML), ASF 20 (Active Streaming Format  
7        (Microsoft)), MIDI (Musical Instrument Digital Interface), RMI  
8        (Real Music Interface), SMD (Sound file) WAV (Windows Audio  
9        Volume) WAX (Windows Audio Executable), or WM (Windows  
10       Media) signals.

1        22. (New) The audio player of claim 1 wherein the ear  
2        module is free of any other structure providing support on the body  
3        of a user when supported on the ear.

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1           23. (New) The audio player of claim 1 wherein a portion of  
2 the ear module is inserted into the ear when supported on the ear.

1           24. (New) The audio player of claim 1 wherein the ear  
2 module fits substantially entirely within the ear of the user when  
3 supported on the ear.